



# Prince of Peace Parish

**Founded 1983**

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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm    CLOSED 12:00pm-1:00pm daily  
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

## **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am,  
11:30 am & 1:00 pm**

## **Weekday Masses**

**Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am**

**Wednesday & 1st Friday: 7 pm**

## **Confessions**

**Wednesday: 7:30pm - 8:15pm**

**Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:45 am**  
(not before Sat 5pm mass, see for First Friday below)

### **PASTOR**

Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo  
[fr.efren@princeofpeacesc.ca](mailto:fr.efren@princeofpeacesc.ca)

### **DEACON**

Rev Mr. Thomas Aquino

### **SECRETARY**

Due to unforeseen reasons, this  
position is now vacant

### **SACRAMENTS COORDINATOR**

Susan Remedios

### **ACCOUNTANT**

Nalini Andrews  
[NAndrews@archtoronto.org](mailto:NAndrews@archtoronto.org)

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Geneveve Macariola-Amini

### **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

Dan Christante  
[dan.christante@gmail.com](mailto:dan.christante@gmail.com)

### **CUSTODIAL STAFF**

Jessie Guinto  
Tom Mitrovski

## **VOLUNTEER SCREENING**

Contact the office or our volunteer  
coordinator Hsiu Hau at  
[screening@princeofpeacesc.ca](mailto:screening@princeofpeacesc.ca)

## **BAPTISM**

Contact the parish office at least  
3 months before the desired date.

## **FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREP**

These programs run from September to  
June. Contact the office to sign up.

## **R.C.I.A**

The Christian Initiation of Adults is for  
those wishing to learn more about how  
to become Catholic. Please contact the  
parish office for further information.

## **MARRIAGE**

Contact the parish office at least one  
year in advance of the desired date.

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

For home visits, call the parish office.  
From the hospital, ask for a priest di-  
rectly at the nursing station.

## **MASS OF ANOINTING**

Second Wednesday of every month at  
12:00 noon. The exact date is published  
in the bulletin every month.

## **SENIOR'S GROUP**

Every month after the Mass of Anoint-  
ing. Watch for announcements in the  
bulletin for exact schedules.

## **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Mass 7pm followed by Holy Hour with  
benediction at 8:30pm  
(Confessions during Adoration)

## **MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**

Grief support groups, and more. Con-  
tact the parish office for details.

## **VISITING MINISTRY**

Visits for Holy Communion are availa-  
ble. Please call the parish office.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays on Zoom 7:00pm-9:00pm

## **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP**

Prayer and worship group. Meetings  
every Thursday at 7pm.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Info: [GK9144@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK9144@ontariokofc.ca)

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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## **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday  
of every Month.

## **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

Leaders in the parish who guide and  
enrich our liturgical life.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Prince of Peace	416-393-5416
Our Lady of Grace	416-393-5372
St. Marguerite Bourgeays	416-393-5381
St. Rene Goupil	416-393-5408
The Divine Infant	416-393-5414
Fr. Michael McGivney	905-472-4961
Francis Libermann HS	416-393-5524

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 13

5:00pm Mass

### Sunday, December 14

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

### Monday, December 15

8:30am Mass

✠ Hon Sum Lai

♦ Tyson Wong

### Tuesday, December 16

8:30am Mass

✠ Anthony Rodricks

✠ Inacio & Braga Fernandes

### Wednesday, December 17

8:30am Mass

✠ Apolinar Buling

✠ Emiliano Castillo

7:00pm Mass

✠ Francis Lagunbi

♦ Joe Daniel

### Thursday, December 18

8:30am Mass

✠ Remedios Vargas

✠ Roberto Macariola

### Friday, December 19

8:30am Mass

✠ Eligio Siccion

✠ Sarah Fernandes

### Saturday, December 20

8:30am Mass

✠ Julie Fernandes

♦ Alaiza Family

✠ Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

### SANCTUARY LAMP

DECEMBER 15-20

#### For the Eternal Rest of:

Adelina Pastrana, Justino Pastrana, Agnes Wong, Peter Tsang, Winston Poblete, Raul Poblete

#### For the Intentions of:

Joe Daniel

### NOW ACCEPTING CARD

We now accept payment of stipends or other fees at the parish office, or donations for candles in the church, by debit or credit card.

## A SEASON OF PASTORAL TRANSITION: GAUDETE – JOY THAT GROWS IN WAITING



Gaudete Sunday invites us to rejoice. Yet the joy of this day is not loud or forced. It is the quiet joy that grows in the soil of waiting. John the Baptist, now imprisoned, sends messengers to Jesus with a painful question: "Are you the One who is to come?" Even the greatest prophet experiences moments of uncertainty and longing. Jesus responds gently, pointing not to theories, but to signs: the blind see, the lame walk, the poor receive good news. Joy comes not from having every answer but from recognizing God's presence in the unfolding. Our parish understands this kind of joy. We do not deny the ache of transition nor the grief of change.

Yet in the midst of that ache, God has been quietly faithful. New ministries have grown, relationships have deepened, prayers have strengthened, and hope has taken root. The joy of Gaudete is not an escape from reality but a proclamation that God is at work in reality. This Sunday invites us to rejoice in small things: the unity we choose, the patience we practice, the compassion we show, the trust we nurture. These are the signs that Christ is already among us. As we move toward Christmas and toward the arrival of new pastoral leadership, we are reminded that joy is not something we wait to feel. It is something we practice. It is a posture of the heart that says, "God is here, even now." Let this be our joy that the Lord is faithful, that the future is held in His hands, and that together we will walk into the next chapter with grace. *Matthew 11:2-11*

### FAREWELL & WELCOME

In recent months, we have said farewell to familiar faces and prepared for new beginnings. This month, we thank **Joan**



**Turco** as she retires from her role as Sacraments Coordinator. Joan has served the Archdiocese for over 10 years, including the past 3 years here at Prince of Peace. Her steady dedication has supported many families in their preparation for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage. We welcome **Susan Remedios** as our new Sacraments Coordinator. Susan brings experience and a thoughtful spirit, and she looks forward to accompanying parishioners in their sacramental journeys. As we live through these transitions together, let us remain grounded in prayer, gratitude, and trust in God's guidance.

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS



Our Parish will be holding Advent confessions this week from **December 15 to 19 from 9am-10am** (after the 8:30am mass), and on **Wednesday, December 17 from 6-7pm and 7:30pm-9pm** (before and after the 7pm mass). In light of Fr. Efren being the only priest available, we also encourage everyone to reach out to neighbouring parishes for their schedule.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This Sunday, **December 14 at 7pm** we gather for our Parish Christmas Concert. Many members of our community have prepared music and readings with care, offering their time and talent as a gift to us all. Please join us for an evening of music, prayer, and fellowship as we celebrate Christmas in community.

### CELEBRATIONS TO BID FAREWELL TO FR. EFREN



After the Christmas Concert, we will have a gathering in the Parish Hall as a chance for parishioners to say farewell to Fr. Efren. He will also celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, **December 31 at 11am** followed by a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall at **12pm**. We invite all parishioners to join us in extending our well wishes to our Pastor. To help organize these events, please contact the parish office.

### CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

This Christmas, let us come together as a parish family to bring joy to children in our community. A Christmas Tree at the entrance of the church has been decorated with gift tags with the age and gender of possible gift recipients. Please take a gift tag of your choice





and return your gift wrapped, clearly labeled with the age and gender of the child and place it under the Christmas tree during the weekend of **December 20-21**. Wrapped gifts can also be dropped off before then at the parish office during regular office hours. Thank you for making this Christmas a little brighter for children in need.

### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 15 at 7pm**. We invite all those who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one to join us.



### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA PORTUGAL-SPAIN-FRANCE



From **May 6 to May 16**, join Fr. Efren on this pilgrimage through Portugal, Spain, and France. You will visit many sights like Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, and Lourdes, get the chance to take part in Candlelight Processions and venerate the Holy Shroud, and more. It will be a time of prayer, discovery, and deep encounter with the saints who shaped our faith. A brochure with details is now available in the lobby of the church. For more information or to reserve your place, please call 877-701-7729 ext. 342, or write directly to Fr. Efren at ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Later next year, from **October 9 to October 16**, Fr. Efren will lead another journey but this time to Mexico, where the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and surrounding sacred sites will welcome us into the heart of devotion to Mary. Details and pricing are available upon request (see contact information for Pilgrimage to Fatima).

### JUBILEE CLOSING MASS



All are invited to attend the Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, **December 28 at 5pm**. Confessions will be available from **3:30pm-4:45pm**.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"** poster contest is now open to all children JK – Gr. 8 in our parish. The contest encourages the true spirit of Christmas within our homes, schools, and community. Teachers and parents are encouraged to inspire their children or grandchildren to participate. Submit your entry by this Thursday, **December 18**. Winners will be awarded prizes. For entry forms or rules, interested participants may kindly contact Bro. Fion Lee at fionlee@sympatico.ca. Children in our sacramental preparation programs may collect forms from their catechists.

### GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

Our parish collected **1,200 pairs of socks** during our Men's Socks Drive in November. This will greatly aid vulnerable members of our community. From the Good Shepherd Ministries and us: thank you, and we hope that the warmth you have shared with the homeless will be with you throughout the winter.



### LET THE HOLY SMELLS BE ENOUGH



As we approach the Christmas season, we remind everyone that some of our parishioners have serious sensitivities to scented products—especially those that arrive in clouds of cologne strong enough to part the Red Sea. So please, for the love of your neighbour (and their lungs), go easy on the fragrance. Let's not force the rest of us to smell like you—no matter how fabulous you think you smell. Thank you for keeping our church a safe, welcoming, and scent-considerate space.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional **ushers** for weekend masses, **Eucharistic Ministers** for the 1pm mass., and **slide advancers** for all weekend masses. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office.

### 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

A reminder to all parishioners that offertory envelopes for the 2026 year are now ready for pickup from the parish office during regular office hours.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

#### MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 Christmas Eve  
**7:00 pm \* 11:00pm**  
December 25 Christmas Day  
**8:30 am \* 10:00 am**  
**11:30 am \* 1:00 pm**  
December 31 New Year's Eve  
**5:00 pm**  
January 1 New Year's Day  
**8:30 am \* 10:00 am**  
**11:30 am \* 1:00 pm**

*Regular Weekday Mass Schedule returns Friday, January 2, 2026.*

#### Office Closed

December 25 & 26; January 1, 2026

#### STEWARDSHIP



Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

### MAKE YOUR GIFT TO SHARELIFE

From **November 3 until year end**, your contribution to the ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000! The ShareLife Parish Campaign brings our Catholic faith and Gospel values to life, uniting us as a strong and compassionate Catholic community. With your loving support, ShareLife-funded agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Thank you for living the Gospel this Christmas by providing for those in need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



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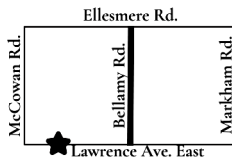


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